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SUBJECT: **STATUS OF CAMP KILPATRICK SPORTS PROGRAM (ITEM 69,  
AGENDA OF MARCH 18, 2014)**

On March 11, 2014, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, during Public Comments, your Board requested that I provide a report at the March 18, 2014 meeting on the status of the Camp Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK) sports program, and on alternative sites for the continuation of the program.

### **Background**

On August 28, 2012, your Board directed the Chief Probation Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to commission a study to evaluate the merits of intermural sports activities as programming for incarcerated youth at CVK. In addition, the Board amended the motion to include a comparison of outcomes based on sports programs similar to the study done on Homeboy Industries, including an analysis of programming beyond activities.

On December 3, 2014, your Board adopted a design-build delivery approach as presented by the Department of Public Works, which resulted in time savings of fifteen (15) months. As a result of the compressed timeline the demolition activities at CVK were scheduled to begin in March 2014, thereby presenting the need to vacate all staff and youth.

On March 11, 2014, during Public Comments, various individuals expressed their concern regarding the closure of Camp Kilpatrick and the associated cessation of the sports program. We are in support of programs that provide positive outcomes for youth. However, there is an apparent misperception that the Department has already made a determination for closure of the sports program. As reflected below and as will

be indicated in my March 18, 2014 presentation, a recommendation to continue the program and ensure its efficacy with respect to reducing recidivism are incorporated.

### **Status of Camp Kilpatrick Sports Program**

Due to the replacement of CVK, the Camp is scheduled for closure on March 31, 2014. Consequently, in December 2013, CVK was removed from intake, and no new youth have been assigned since that time. The current camp population is twenty-two (22). The CVK Sports Program has been suspended for the 2014 Spring Baseball and Track season. CVK Camp staff will be redistributed to other critical camp vacancies through a job fair process that began on March 17, 2014 and will conclude on Friday, March 21, 2014.

### **Status of the Evaluation Study**

For clarification, a determination by the Probation Department regarding the long-term closure or continuation of the Camp Kilpatrick sports program has not been made. The Program Evaluation Study was conducted by a consortium of researchers from California State, Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and the University of California, Los Angeles. My staff and I met with the researchers on March 3, 2014 and based on preliminary findings, I believe that the Sports program can be continued with some program revisions, more specifically, ensuring connectivity to other treatment programs to develop the skills to maintain positive change. We anticipate the consortium will finalize their report by the end of March 2014.

### **Alternative Sites**

The Department is reviewing alternative sites and will return to your Board with a recommendation subsequent to receiving the consortium's final report.

### **Conclusion**

The Department will provide your Board with the Evaluation Study by the research consortium upon completion. We anticipate resuming the sports program for the fall of 2014 sports season. Probation will continue to work with the researchers, and our partners including the Department of Mental of Health, Juvenile Court Health Services, and Los Angeles County Office of Education to develop relocation options and timelines.

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